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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a General FAST.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS the manifold Sins and Wickedneſs of theſe Kingdoms, have moſt juſtly deſerved heavy and ſevere Puniſhments from the Hand of Heaven; and the Almighty, out of His great Mercy, hath not only been Our Defence in Times of Danger, but hath protected and preſerved Us from imminent Deſtruction, eſpecially at this Time, when ſome neighbouring Countries, in Alliance and Friendſhip with Us, have been viſited with a moſt dreadful and extenſive Earthquake, which hath alſo, in ſome Degree, been felt in ſeveral Parts of Our Dominions: And whereas the preſent Situation of publick Affairs (as to the Iſſue of them) is of the higheſt Importance to the Peace and Safety of theſe Kingdoms, to Our Commerce and Liberties, and, above all, to the moſt valuable Bleſſing of the Proteſtant Religion: We, from the deepeſt Senſe of this Our State, and of the Miſeries which Our People would ſuffer if a like Viſitation ſhould be ſhewed forth upon theſe Kingdoms, and placing Our whole Truſt and Confidence in the Mercy of Almighty God, have reſolved, That a General and Publick Faſt be obſerved, that both We, and Our People, may humble Ourſelves before Almighty God, and, in a moſt devout and ſolemn Manner, ſend up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majeſty, to avert all thoſe Judgments which We moſt juſtly have deſerved, to continue His Mercies, and to perpetuate the Enjoyment of the Proteſtant Religion among Us, and Safety and Proſperity to Our Kingdoms and Dominions, and to implore His Protection, and Bleſſing, upon Our Fleets and Armies; And We have therefore thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to iſſue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding, That ſuch General and Publick Faſt be obſerved throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Friday the Sixth Day of February next enſuing. And for the better and more orderly ſolemnizing the ſame, We have given Directions to the Archbiſhops and Biſhops of England, to compoſe a Form of Prayer ſuitable to this Occaſion, to be uſed in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worſhip, and to take Care the ſame be timely diſperſed throughout their reſpective Dioceſes. And We do ſtrictly charge and command, That the ſaid Publick Faſt be Religiouſly obſerved by all Our loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of ſuffering ſuch Puniſhment, as We may juſtly inflict upon all ſuch as ſhall contemn or neglect the Performance of ſo Religious and neceſſary a Duty.

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Eighteenth Day of *December*, 1755, in the Twenty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

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We do ſtrictly charge and command, That the ſaid Publick Faſt be reverently and decently obſerved, by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, on the ſaid Sixth Day of February next, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of ſuch Puniſhment as We may juſtly inflict on all ſuch as ſhall contemn or neglect the Performance of ſo Religious a Duty: Our Will and Pleaſure is therefore, and We charge, That incontinent this Our Royal Proclamation ſeen, ye paſs to the Market Croſs of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none may pretend Ignorance: And Our Will and Pleaſure is, That Our Solicitor do cauſe printed Copies hereof to be ſent to the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Shires, Stewarts of Stewarties, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to ſee the ſame publiſhed; and We appoint them to ſend Doubles hereof to the ſeveral Paroch Kirks within their Bounds, that, upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day abovementioned, the ſame may be publiſhed and read from the Pulpits, immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Eighteenth Day of *December*, 1755, in the Twenty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

HIS Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſed to Order, That a like Faſt ſhould be obſerved throughout His Kingdom of Ireland upon the ſaid Sixth Day of February next: And to that End, His Majeſty hath thought proper to direct his Grace the Duke of Devonſhire, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to cauſe a Proclamation to be forthwith publiſhed in that Kingdom.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS We did, by Our Royal Proclamation of the Twentieth Day of October laſt, prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder for the Space of Three Months from the Date thereof, without Our Licence in that Behalf firſt obtained, excepting only ſuch Gunpowder as ſhould be exported by the Direction of the Principal Officers of Our Board of Ordnance, for Our Service: And whereas We have judged it neceſſary, for the Publick Good, to continue the ſaid Prohibition for ſome longer Time: We do therefore, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby ſtrictly Charge, Prohibit, and Command, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, except the Officers of Our ſaid Board of Ordnance for Our Service, do, at any Time during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the Expiration of the aforementioned Term of Three Months, preſume to Tranſport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, any Gunpowder, or ſhip or lade any Gunpowder on Board any Ship or Veſſel, in order to Tranſporting the ſame into any Parts beyond the Seas, without Licence or Permiſſion in that Behalf firſt obtained from Us, or Our Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and ſuffering the greateſt Puniſhments and Forfeitures, which by Law can fall or be inflicted on ſuch Offenders: We declaring, That We will cauſe all ſuch Perſons to be proceeded againſt with the utmoſt Rigour and Severity. And we do hereby require and command all Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Collectors, Searchers, Surveyors, and other Officers of Our Cuſtoms, to be watchful and diligent in ſeeing this Our Royal Proclamation duly obſerved and kept; and alſo all Mayors, Bailiffs, Conſtables, Headboroughs, and other Officers and Subjects, to be aiding and aſſiſting, from Time to Time, in the Diſcovering and Proſecution of the Offenders, and preventing the Exportation of Gunpowder, as aforeſaid, when and as often as Occaſion ſhall be or required.

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Eighteenth Day of *December*, 1755, in the Twenty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

AT the Court of St. *James's*, the 18th Day of *December* 1755.

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

Whereas by His Majeſty's Proclamation, bearing Date the Eleventh Day of November laſt, "For recalling and prohibiting Seamen "from ſerving Foreign Princes and States; for "giving Encouragement to Seamen and Able-"bodied Landmen, to enter themſelves on Board "His Majeſty's Ships of War; for granting "Rewards for diſcovering ſuch Seamen as ſhall "conceal themſelves; and alſo for taking up all "Straggling Seamen;" His Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to promiſe and declare, That the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years; and alſo that the Bounty of Thirty Shillings for every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, ſhould be paid to every ſuch Seaman and Landman reſpectively, who ſhould, on or before the Thirty firſt Day of this Inſtant December, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in His Majeſty's Royal Navy, in the Manner directed by the ſaid Proclamation; as likewiſe that the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, ſhould be paid to any Perſon who ſhould, on or before the ſaid Thirty firſt Day of this Inſtant, diſcover any Seaman, or Seamen, who ſhould conceal themſelves, ſo that ſuch Seaman, or Seamen, ſhould be taken for His Majeſty's Service: And whereas the Time limited for paying the ſaid Bounties and Rewards is now near expiring; and it being judged expedient for His Majeſty's Service, that the ſame ſhould be continued for ſome longer Time; His Majeſty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, That the Time limited by the ſaid Proclamation, for Payment of the ſaid Bounties and Rewards, be prolonged and extended from the ſaid Thirty Firſt Day of this Inſtant December, to the Thirty Firſt Day of January next incluſive. And that the ſaid reſpective Bounties and Rewards be continued to be paid by the Perſons, and at the Times, directed by His Majeſty's aforeſaid Proclamation.

W. Sharpe.

His Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſed to appoint Charles Lawrence, Eſq; the preſent Lieutenant Governor of His Majeſty's Province of Nova Scotia in America, to be Captain General, and Governor in Chief, of the ſaid Province, in the room of Peregrine Thomas Hopſon, Eſq; who hath reſigned.

His Majeſty in Council was alſo this Day pleaſed to appoint Robert Monckton, Eſq; to be Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, in the room of Charles Lawrence, Eſq;.

Bruſſels, Dec. 12. Every Thing continues very quiet in the French Garriſons upon our Frontiers; but we are informed, by the Advices received Yeſterday from Paris, that Orders are given out for Augmenting the Cavalry with Five Men per Troop, and that this Augmentation is to be compleated by the firſt of February. The Orders for augmenting the Iriſh and Swiſs Regiments are not yet iſſued, notwithſtanding what was reported ſome Time ago.

Whitehall, December 20.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint his Grace Thomas Holles Duke of Newcaſtle, Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, the Right Honourable Sir George Lyttelton, Bart. Robert Nugent, Percy Wyndham Obrian, and Henry Furneſe, Eſqrs; to be Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Exchequer.

Admiralty-Office, Dec. 20, 1755.

PUrſuant to an Act of Parliament paſſed in the 26th Year of His Majeſty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, That Information hath been ſent to this Office, that a Pink called the Two Siſters, from St. Ubes, bound to Amſterdam, Pieter Janſen Damus, Maſter, laden with Salt, run a Shore on the 10th Inſtant, in Langdon Bay, near the Port of Dover, and is ſince bulged, and that upon Application to Meſſ. William Minet and Company, for Aſſiſtance, they immediately employed a great Number of Men, who were then aſſiſting and uſing their utmoſt Endeavours for the Preſervation of the ſaid Veſſel and Lading, but it was feared the greateſt Part thereof would be entirely loſt and deſtroyed, the Sea running very high. *J. Clevland.*

General Poſt Office, Sept. 20, 1755.

His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General, for the further Improvement of Correſpondence, having been pleaſed to order, That Letters ſhall for the future be conveyed, Six Days in every Week, inſtead of three Days as at preſent, betwixt London *and* Wobourn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harborough, Leiceſter, Loughborough, Derby, *and* Nottingham, *through* Hertford, *on the three additional Poſt Days.*

And likewiſe betwixt London *and* Shiffnal, Shrewſbury, Stafford, Stone, Namptwich, Cheſter, Middlewich, Northwich, Warrington, Liverpool, *and* Manchester, *through* Oxford, Worceſter, Birmingham, *and* Wolverhampton, *on the three additional Days.*

And to order the Letters to be conveyed three Days a Week (inſtead of two Days as at preſent) betwixt London *and* Aimesbury.

Alſo to quicken the Communication by Poſt, betwixt Sheffield *and the great North Road, through* Doncaſter: *And the Correſpondence between* Manchester, Liverpool, Warrington, Cheſter, Glouceſter, South Wales, Briſtol, *and* the whole Croſs Road: *As well as between* Liverpool, Manchester, Wiggan, Preſton, Lancaſter, Kendal, *and all Parts of* Weſtmorland *and* Cumberland: *And between* Liverpool, *and all Parts of* Yorkſhire, Durham, Northumberland, Scotland, Derbyſhire, Nottinghamſhire, Lincolnſhire, Huntingdonſhire, Cambridgeſhire, *and* Norfolk.

Publick Notice is hereby given, that theſe ſeveral additional Conveyances, Improvements, and Regulations, will take Place from Friday the 10th *Day of October next, being Michaelmas Day according to the Old Style.*

And whereas great Numbers of Letters have hitherto been privately collected and delivered, as well in theſe as in other Parts of the Kingdom, contrary to Law, to the great Prejudice of the Revenue of the Poſt Office, Notice is likewiſe hereby given, that all Carriers, Coachmen, Watermen, Wherrymen, Diſperſers of Country News Papers, and all other Perſons whatſoever, hereafter detected in the illegal collecting, conveying or delivering of Letters, will be proſecuted with the utmoſt Severity.

N. B. The Penalty is Five Pounds *for every Letter collected or delivered contrary to Law, and* One Hundred Pounds *for every Week this Practice is continued.*

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General,
Geo. Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

General Poſt-Office, London, Oct. 24, 1755.

Whereas a Number of Pacquet-Boats are provided and eſtabliſhed, at Falmouth, for carrying on a regular Monthly Correſpondence between theſe Kingdoms and His Majeſty's Iſlands in the Weſt-Indies; and alſo to and from the ſeveral Colonies on the Continent of North-America;

Public Notice is hereby given to all Merchants, and others, whom it may concern, That Letters and Packets for the ſaid Iſlands, and Colonies on the Continent of North-America, will be taken in and received, at this Office, from the Date hereof, upon their being paid for, after the Rates, ſettled by Act of Parliament, as undermentioned, viz.

		s.	d.
From London *to the Iſlands of* Barbadoes Antegoa, Mountſerrat, Nevis, St. Chriſtophers *and* Jamaica;	*For a Single Letter*	1	6
	a Double Letter	3	0
	a Treble Letter	4	6
	an Ounce —	6	0

		s.	d.
From London *to* New-York, New-England, Virginia, Maryland, *and all the other Colonies on the Continent of* North-America,	*For a Single Letter*	1	0
	a Double Letter	2	0
	a Treble Letter	3	0
	an Ounce ——	4	0

The firſt Mail of Letters, for the ſeveral Iſlands in the Weſt-Indies, will be made up, and diſpatched from this Office, upon Saturday the 8th Day of November next, and be continued on the Firſt Saturday of every Month following.

The firſt Mail of Letters, by the way of New-York, for the ſeveral Colonies on the Continent of North-America, will be made up and diſpatched from this Office, upon the 15th *of the ſaid Month of November next, and ſo be continued on the Second Saturday of every Month throughout the Year.*

The full Poſtage of the above Letters and Packets muſt be paid at the Time of their Delivery into this Office, or at the Receiving-Houſes in Town; And all ſuch as are put into the ſeveral Poſt-Houſes in Great-Britain and Ireland, muſt, over and above the ſaid Rates, pay alſo the full Inland Poſtage to London, without which they cannot be forwarded from hence.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General,
Geo. Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

Office of Ordnance, Tower of London, Nov. 13, 1755.

The Principal Officers of his Majeſty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice, that whoſoever will diſcover to them any Fire Arms concealed in any Part of Great Britain, ſo as the ſame may be properly ſecured till his Majeſty's Pleaſure ſhall be known therein, the Name or Names of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall make ſuch Diſcovery ſhall be concealed, if required, and he or they ſhall